



Texas Conference of Clubs
Winter Meeting
January 17, 2009 — 1:00 PM

Chairman Jim Newsome called the meeting to order at 1:05 PM at Buzzards' Peak land site. The Chairman asked all present to observe a moment of silence to remember our ill and departed friends and loved ones.

Secretary Bob Whittaker called the roll:

Austin Gay Nudists	Bill Cary
Bound by Desire	Marion Ayers
Chain of Command	Jim S
Colt 45's	John Szewczyk [proxy]
Cowtown Leathermen	Ron Denning
Cross Timbers Prime Timers	Absent
Dallas MC	Absent
Discipline Corps	Absent
Firedancers – Houston	John Szewczyk
Heart of Texas Bears	Peter Reid
Houston Area Bears	Absent
Lone Star Leathermen	Todd Kinney
Misfits Houston	Absent
TCC Independents (A)	Dale Arndt [proxy]
TCC Independents (B)	Dale Arndt
Touch of Leather	Stan Morris
Trinity River Bears	Brian Epperson

Recognition of Visitors

Bob Alexander, Austin, Heart of Texas, Bill Jackson, Fort Worth

Chairman's Report

The Chairman briefly outlined a procedure for the meeting where each delegate will have three minutes to discuss proposals; there will be a second two minute round. Other members may discuss for three minutes for one round after the delegates talk. The Chairman also discussed Call The Question procedure.

The Chairman presented the framed Honorary Member certificates to Hal Pryor and Jim Pascoe.

Secretary's Report

Ron Denning made a motion to accept the Minutes of the regular meeting of October 25, 2008. Dale Arndt seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Treasurer's Report

Lee went over some changes to the accounting system we use. His comments are part of the [written treasurer's report](#).

John Szewczyk questioned about individual club donations that are not showing as line items. Lee explained that they will show in the new system. Stan Morris made a motion to approve the treasurer's report. Todd Kinney seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Committee—Coordinator Reports

Land Management

Brian thanked everyone who showed up for the November activity weekend. He thanked Max and Kirk for new ice dispenser and a new hot dog machine.

There is no written Land Management report for this meeting.

LoneStar 21

Frank gave a brief report on the progress of LoneStar 21. Frank encouraged everyone to register early.

Wi-Fi

Lobo reported that last year we had an income of \$757.54 from the Wi-Fi, with expenses of \$660.30, for a \$97.24 profit.

Old business

Gravel in the picnic area update

We are still waiting for two outstanding pledges to be paid.

Clarification of the 1,000 square foot rule.

Brian presented a suggested change in the wording of the second paragraph of the Long Term Site Policy to clarify the 1,000 square foot issue.

The wording would be changed to read as follows:

Members requesting a site for long-term use must submit a Land Management Proposal-Request-Donation (LMR) form giv-

ing a reason for request, the approximate area the structures will cover, not to exceed 1,0000 square feet, the type of enclosures (trailer, tent, building, deck, canopy, etc.), and the desired location on the land site, submitting it to a Land Management Committee or Board member for consideration.

Dale Arndt made a motion to change to the Long Term Site Policy as presented. Stan Morris seconded the motion. The motion was approved

Land Use Agreement

Jim Newsome read the agreement to the group [*the proposed agreement was given to the delegates as a handout*]. Stan Morris made a motion to accept the agreement as written. Dale Arndt seconded the motion. Dale Arndt questioned name of agreement and asked if it should it be renamed Long Term Site Agreement? Dale Arndt proposed a friendly amendment to change title. The friendly amendment was approved. The motion to accept the agreement, with a new name, was approved. Firedancers voted no to the proposal.

Pet Permit

Peter Reid made a motion to accept the Pet Policy as presented, John Szewczyk seconded the motion. Lee Mick mentioned he would like to see the fee \$25 annually. It was suggested to change "pets" to "dogs and cats" in the document.

Stan Morris made a friendly amendment to the motion to state it is annual non-refundable fee. Brian Epperson seconded the friendly amendment. The friendly amendment carried; opposed Dale Arndt and proxy for Troy Weatherford. Ron Denning abstained. Stan Morris called the question; stopping discussion by calling the question was approved by the delegates. The motion to accept the Pet Policy was approved. Peter Reid abstained. Dale Arndt and proxy for Troy Weatherford were opposed. Ron Denning was opposed.

Calendar & Contracts

Bob Whittaker talked about the calendar changes, and handed out the contracts for the runs for the year.

Ron Denning made a motion to accept the calendar changes, seconded by Peter Reid. The motion was approved.

Membership Applications

PWA Holiday Charities withdrew their application for club membership.

The Independent Membership application for Bill Woody was approved. Ron Denning abstained.

Proposed Amendment

The following proposed amendment was read at the meeting, and will be voted on during the next meeting:

Article VI – Delegates and Voting, Section 2, presently reads as follows:

Any member club unable to have its regular delegate present at a meeting may have another member of that club represent them. A club may also present a written proxy to have someone else represent them. The proxy must show the meeting for which it is valid, give the name of the person approved to carry out the proxy, and at least one officer of the club must approve the proxy. All proxies must be in the hands of the Secretary for the meeting for which it is valid.

Change Article VI – Delegates and Voting, Section 2, to read as follows:

Any member club unable to have its regular delegate present at a meeting may have another member of that club represent them. A club may also present a written proxy to have someone else represent them. The proxy must show the meeting for which it is valid, give the name of the person approved to carry out the proxy, and at least one officer of the club must approve the proxy. All proxies must be in the hands of the Secretary for the meeting for which it is valid. No individual may hold more than one proxy. The written proxy should state how the member clubs wishes to vote on known issues for the meeting for which the proxy is valid. The Secretary will validate that the proxy is carried out according to the wishes of the member club.

Generic Ad

Peter Reid is working on a generic ad for TCC that will be available on the website for use by local organizations. The ad can be used in local event programs or as a handout by member clubs or independents.

Fee Changes

Ron Denning talked about how keeping track of electric fees during a run is a nightmare. Ron offered a proposal to eliminate the \$10 electric fee TCC charges member clubs for an event and raise the per-person fee TCC charges member clubs for an event to \$15 across the board. RVs would still pay a \$25 fee and people in the bunkhouse will pay \$25. The TCC trailer will pay \$35.

The issue will be voted on at the next meeting.

Upcoming Nominations

During the April meeting, nominations will be accepted for the following positions:

Chairman
Secretary
Two year land management
Two year land management
One year land management

Announcements

Ron Denning, January 25th is the annual Cowntown Leathermen chili cook off.

John Szewczyk said there is still time for LUEY ads if you are interested.

Ron Denning made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by numerous individuals.

Meeting adjourned at 3:05 PM.